

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of October 4, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 20 has been allowed. Claims 21-34 have been added as dependent claims from allowed independent Claim 20.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks all pending claims are allowable and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

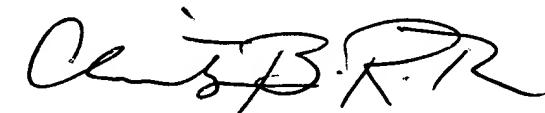
It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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